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Algood Food Company in Louisville Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

Kentucky-based peanut butter maker goes more than 523,000 hours without a lost-time incident

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (July 30, 2014) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined company officials at Algood Food Company's Louisville Riverport facility to recognize employees with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. Algood's employees have worked more than 523,958 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts congratulated the Kentucky-based company for its dedication to worker safety.

"It's always wonderful to see a Kentucky company succeed in the global marketplace," said Secretary Roberts. "But it's even more special to see a successful company take a keen interest in the everyday safety of its workers, and that is exactly what Algood Food Company is doing."

Algood started with a private label peanut butter production facility in Louisville in 1985. The company grew to begin producing jellies and preserves in Lawrenceburg in 1993, and expanded to a new facility in the Louisville Riverport area in 2003. Algood continued its growth with the purchase of Windstone Farms, based in Bourbon County, in 2012. Algood sells its products all over the world, exporting to Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada and the Pacific Basin.

“The improvements made to our safety and health program in the last two years coupled with the commitment to safety by employees have made this outstanding accomplishment possible,” said Kelly Zeilman, vice president of Human Resources for Algood Food Company.

Built in 2003, Algood’s Louisville Riverport facility has approximately 204 employees working in the 100,000-square-foot building. The company prides itself on using the most modern equipment and innovative manufacturing practices.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Algood Food Company, the requirement is 500,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Algood Food Company, visit www.algoodfood.com.

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